Title: Demands the Central Government assistance to increase the wages of community health guides and `Dayees'.

SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL (JOYNAGAR): The Primary Health Scheme for the rural poor was launched upon by the Central and State Governments with much fanfare. But it is a matter of consternation that its functionaries, several thousands of community health guides and Dayees are being paid very meagerly, Rs.50/per month, almost a day's remuneration. Even the unskilled workers are being paid minimum wages, but this category of employees are being totally ignored.

So, I demand that the wages of these employees who render more useful services in the rural areas are suitably and properly raised with Central Government assistance so that they are able to sustain themselves at least.